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IN THE PATENT APPLICATION OF:

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EXAMINER: MINH CHAU THI PHAM

FOR: MULTI-POSITION, SPRING LOADED FILTER
RACK

La Crosse, Wisconsin
September 9, 2003

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RESPONSE A

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 10,
2003. A request for a two month extension of the term for response is
submitted herewith effectively extending the term for response from July
10, 2003, to September 10, 2003.

Remarks

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in
view of Chiang et al. and Hegan. In making the rejection, the Examiner
asserts that both Chiang et al. and Hegan disclose a filter assembly
comprising a filter that includes an air permeable air filter medium